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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US FAA AIRCRAFT DOWNED AT SEA

PRELIMINARY REPORT ACCIDENT FAA SABRELINER N-85 JAN 14 AT 1830Z
AS STATED BY PILOT. NTSB ENROUTE TO RECIFE VIA FAA AIRCRAFT
FROM ATLANTIC CITY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE RECIFE 0200Z 17 JAN.

REPORT FOLLOWS:

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

SABRELINER N-85

CREW: ANDERSON, ROBERT W. PIC
SCHOEN, LEE G. CO-PILOT
KUSCHINSKY, LEO ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN

AIRCRAFT WAS BEING FERRIED FROM FRANKFURT, GERMANY TO OKLAHOMA
CITY, OKLAHOMA, USA.

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1. WE DEPARTED ASENSION ISLAND AT 1430 GMT USING NORCAST WINDS

FROM OFFUT AFB USA. WE ESTABLISHED A HEADING OF 275 DEGREES. AFTER ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS OF FLIGHT WE TRIED TO PICK UP RECIFE BEACON. WE COULD NOT RECEIVE IT OR ANY OTHER BEACONS SOUTH OF RECIFE, SO WE CONTINUED ON COURSE. WE FINALLY PICKED UP RECIFE BEACON AFTER ABOUT THREE HOURS AND FIFTEEN MINUTES, AND FOUND WE SOUTH SOUTHEAST OF COURSE. WE TURNED TOWARD RECIFE BUT COULD NOT GET THE VOR/DME. WE CONTINUED TOWARD RECIFE, STILL TRYING TO PICK UP SOME RADIO BEACONS SOUTH, BUT WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY. AFTER ABOUT THREE AND ONE HALF HOURS ON FLIGHT WE STARTED A SLOW DECENT FROM F350 HOPING TO SEE THE COASTLINE. WE FINALLY DECIDED WE HAD TO DITCH. WE DECLARED AN EMERGENKY AND CALLED "MAY DAY". WE TOUCHED TO WATER AT ABOUT 105 KTS AIRSPEED BOUNCED ONCE OR TWICE MORE AND STOPPED. BOTH WINGS HAD COME OFF AND THE FUSELAGE HAD A HOLE IN IT AND WATER WAS COMING IN FAST. LEO KUSCHINSKY IN THE BACK END OF THE AIRPLANE HAD APPARENTLY UNFASTENED HIS SEAT BELT AT FIRST IMPACT AND HAD INJURED HIMSELF SEVERELY. WE CLIMBED OVER HIM AND GOT OUT THE EMERGENCY EXIT, MYSELF AND LEE SCHOEN. WE PULLED THE LIFE RAFT OUT AND LEO KUSCHINSKY OUT. THE AIRPLANE SANK ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WE GOT INTO THE RAFT AND PULLED LEO IN. HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS. I ESTIMATED THAT HE DIED ABOUT 1930 GMT FROM APPARENT INTERNAL INJURIES.

2. THE BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE C-130 SPOTTED US AT ABOUT 1900 GMT AND STAYED WITH US UNTIL DARK. THEY CAME AGAIN AT 0830 GMT AND STAYED UNTIL WE WERE PICKED UP BY THE "DOURADO" SHIP REQUESTED BY SALVAMAR NORDESTE (BRAZILIAN NAVY).

NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL N265 SABRELINER

DEPART - RHEIN MAIN AIRPORT, FRANKFURT WEST GERMANY

DESTINATION - OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, USA

LAST AIRPORT - ASCENSION ISLAND

NEXT AIRPORT - RECIFE, BRAZIL

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT - FERRY AIRCRAFT FROM GERMANY TO USA FOR OVERHAUL.

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CAUSE OF ACCIDENT - FUEL DEPLETION CAUSED BY OFF COURSE CONDITION BECAUSE OF UNREPORTED UNFAVORABLE WINDS.

NO CARGO

COMMUNICATIONS MADE DURING EMERGENCY:

RECIFE CONTROL
RECIFE TOWER
BRAZIL AIRLINE /343

BROWN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASS OKLAHOMA CITY AND FAA ATLANTA.

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